Mobile phone towers

1640. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that illegal cell phone towers have been set up without mandatory clearance from civil agencies throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government has formulated any policy regarding setting up of mobile towers on the ground and roof tops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) to (c) Erection of cell phone towers in cities and towns is regulated by the urban local bodies. Ministry of Urban Development does not maintain data regarding clearances issued by these bodies for setting up of cell phone towers or unauthorized towers. Only Siting clearances for installation of antenna towers are issued by SACFA (Standing Advisory Committee on Frequency Allocation) from the point of view of flying hazards and obstruction to any microwave link. The Ministry of Urban Development has not formulated any policy regarding setting up of mobile towers on ground and roof-tops.

Rohini 1981 scheme of DDA

1641. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA has not been able to allot plots to even priority categories like defence personnel, SC/ST, retired or retiring personnel etc. to Rohini 1981 scheme Registrants despite Government promise to liquidate waiting list by 2005-06;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the number of plots allotted in different categories since 1st April, 2006; and

(d) the target set to liquidate the pending list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) and (b) DDA has stated that there is no backlog in allotment of plots to reserved category registrants such as the widows of defence personnel killed in action, and persons belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Rohini Residential Scheme, 1981 and there are 25,298 registrants waiting for allotment as given below:

Category	Number of registrants
General	24696
Ex-serviceman	150
Retired/retiring Personnel	452
TOTAL	25298

DDA has also informed that allotment to the balance registrants could not be made due to non-acquisition of land/non-possession of land and ongoing litigation.

(c) DDA has further informed that the number of plots allotted since 1st April, 2006 to different categories of Registrants is 462.

(d) No such time-frame can be indicated, in view of the shortage of availability of land for allotment and difficulties involved in getting land for allotment.

JNNURM in Punjab

1642. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance so far given for the development of infrastructure in the towns and cities in the State of Punjab under JNNURM;

(b) the extent to which the Central assistance has been utilized by the towns, cities and local bodies for the purpose; and

(c) whether there is any further demand by the local bodies in the State for the purpose, if so, the details thereof, town-city-wise and Central Government's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA RAY): (a) and (b) Under Urban Infrastructure & Governance (UIG) of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission(JNNURM) a total of 5 projects have been sanctioned for the two Mission cities viz. Amritsar and Ludhiana in the State of Punjab for an approved cost of Rs.679.61 crore with Additional Central Assistance (ACA) commitment of Rs.339.81 crore. An amount of Rs. 141.00 crore has been released as ACA so far.

Under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) of JNNURM, 17 projects for 14 cities of Punjab (Jalandhar, Bathinda, Malout, Majitha, Pathankot, Zirakpur, Adampur, FatehgarhChurrai, Ferozpur, Kapurthala, Patiala, Sunam, Talwandisabo and Muktasar) have been sanctioned for an approved cost of Rs.395.77 crore with ACA commitment of Rs.316.62 crore. An amount of Rs. 159.54 crore has been released as ACA so far.

(c) State of Punjab has exhausted the seven year allocation under UIDSSMT. Seven year balance of Rs.367.95 crore exists under UIG. JNNURM is a demand driven programme under which Projects in conformity with the guidelines and emanating from the City Development Plan (CDP) and submitted by the State as per the prioritization are eligible for funding subject to their technical appraisal and availability of funds.